An electro-optical liquid-crystal display comprising a realignment layer, for realigning liquid crystals, and a liquid-crystalline medium of positive dielectric anisotrophy,

wherein said medium comprises one or more compounds of formula I

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$$R^1 \longrightarrow COO \longrightarrow CN$$

wherein

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R¹ is H, alkyl having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkenyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, alkenyloxy having 2 to 7 carbon atoms or alkoxyalkyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, and

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 Y^{11} , Y^{12} and Y^{13} are each, independently of one another, H or F; and

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wherein when an electric voltage is applied to said display an electric field is generated which has a component parallel to the liquid-crystal layer for realignment of the liquid crystals.



A liquid-crystal display according to Claim 1, wherein said medium comprises one or more compounds of formula II

$$R^2 - X^2 - X^2$$

wherein

 R^2

is alkyl having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkenyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, alkenyloxy having 2 to 7 carbon atoms or alkoxyalkyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms,

and

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$$- A^{21} \longrightarrow \text{and}$$
$$- A^{22} \longrightarrow$$

are each, independently of one another,

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at least one of
$$A^{21}$$
 and A^{22} is

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$$X^2$$
 is F, Cl or CN; and

 Z^2 is $-CH_2CH_2-$, -COO-, $-CF_2O-$ or a single bond.

5 3. A liquid-crystal display according laim 1, wherein said medium comprises at least one compound of formula III

$$R^{31}$$
 A^{31} Z^{31} A^{32} R^{32}

wherein

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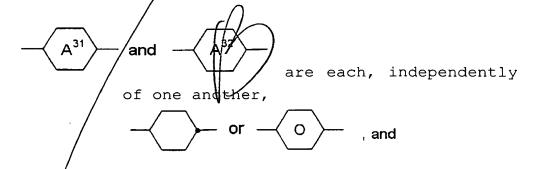
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R³¹ and R³² are each, independently of one another, alkyl having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkenyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, alkenyloxy having 2 to 7 carbon atoms or alkoxyalkyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms,



 Z^{31} is -CH=CH-, -COO-, -CH₂CH₂- or a single bond.

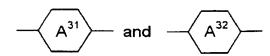
4. A liquid-crystal display according Claim 2, wherein said medium comprises at least one compound of formula III

$$R^{31} A^{31} Z^{31} A^{32} R^{32}$$

 R^{31} and R^{32} are each, independently of one another, alkyl having 1 to 7 carbon átoms, alkoxy having 1 to 7 carbon/ atoms, alkenyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, alkenyloxy having 2 to 7 carbon atoms or alkoxyalkyl having 2 /to 7

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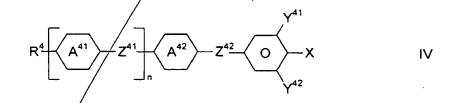
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liquid-crysta/ diap according Claim 1, wherein said medium //comprises at least one compound of formula IV



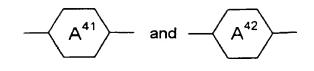
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wherein

 R^4

is alkyl having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkenyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, alkenyloxy having 2 to 7 carbon atoms or alkoxyalkyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms,

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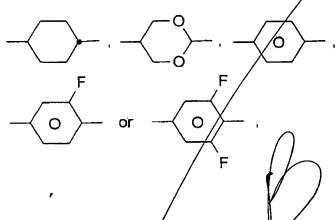
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and

independently of one another,



 Z^{41} and Z^{42} are each, independently of one another, $-CF_2O-$, -COO-, $-CH_2CH_2-$ or a single bond,

n / is 0 or 1,

X / is OCF₃, OCF₂H or F,

Y and Y are each, independently of one another, H or F.

6. A liquid-crystal display according Claim 2, wherein said medium comprises at least one compound of formula IV

wherein

 R^4

is alkyl having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkenyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, alkenyloxy having 2 to 7 carbon atoms or alkoxyalkyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms,

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$$A^{41}$$
 and A^{42}

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are each, independently of one another,

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 Z^{41} and Z^{42} are each, independently of one another, $-CF_2O-$, -COO-, $-CH_2CH_2-$ or a single bond,

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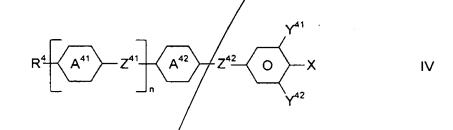
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is 0 or 1,

and

5 Y^{41} and Y^{42} are each, independently of one another, H or F.

7. A liquid-crystal display according Claim 3, wherein said medium comprises at least one compound of formula IV



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 Z^{41} and Z^{42} are each, independently of one another, $-CF_2O-$, -COO-, $-CH_2CH_2-$ or a single bond,

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10 X is OCF_3/OCF_2H or F,

and

wherein

 Y^{41} and Y^{42} are each, independently of one another, 15 H or F.

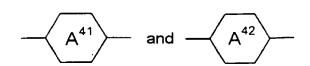
8. A liquid-crystal display according Claim 4, wherein said medium comprises at least one compound of formula IV

$$R^{4} \longrightarrow Z^{41} \longrightarrow A^{42} \longrightarrow Z^{42} \longrightarrow X$$

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is alkyl having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 7 carbon atoms, alkenyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, alkenyloxy having 2 to 7 carbon atoms

or alkoxyalkyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms,



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 Z^{41} and Z^{f2} are each, independently of one another, $-CF_2O-$, -COO-, $-CH_2CH_2-$ or a single bond,

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 Y^{f_1} and Y^{f_2} are each, independently of one another,

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9. A liquid-crystal display according to Claim 2, wherein medium comprises one or more compounds of formulae IIa to IIg

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10. A liquid-crystal display according to Claim 4, wherein medium comprises one or more compounds of formulae IIa to IIg

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 O COO O CN

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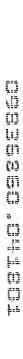
$$R^2$$
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$$R^2$$
 O N CN

$$R^2 \longrightarrow O \longrightarrow F$$
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5 11. A liquid-crystal display according Claim 3, wherein said medium comprises one or more compounds of formulae IIIa to IIIc



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Illa C_nH_{2n+1}-CH=CH-C_mH_{2m+1} IIIb ,,,-CH=CH-C_mH_{2m+1} IIIc wherein ·k is 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, are each 0, 1, 2 or 3, m and n is ≤ 5 , and is 0 ør 1. 0 A liquid-crystal display according to Claim 8, wherein said medium comprises 3,5% of 1 to one √or more compounds of the formula/I, to/30% of one or more compounds of the formula II, to 45% of one or more compounds of the formula III, and 5 to 60% by weight of at least one compound of the formula IV.

13. A liquid-crystal display according to Claim 1, wherein pixels of the display are addressed by means of an active matrix.

5 14. A liquid-crystalline medium of positive dielectric anisotropy comprising at least two liquid-crystal compounds

wherein at least one of said compounds is of formula I

$$R^1 \longrightarrow COO \longrightarrow CN$$

wherein

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R1

is H, alkyl having 1 to 7 carbon atoms,
alkoxy having 1 to 7 carbon atoms,
alkenyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms,
alkenyloxy having 2 to 7 carbon atoms
or alkoxyalkyl having 2 to 7 carbon
atoms, and

 Y^{11} , Y^{12} and Y^{13} are each, independently of one another, H or F.

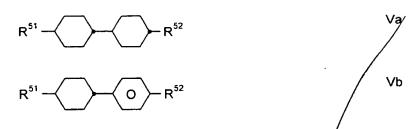
15. In a method of generating an electro-optical effect using a liquid-crystal display, the improvement wherein a display according to claim 1 is used to generate said effect.

16. A liquid-crystal display according to claim 1, wherein said medium additionally comprises one or more compounds of formulae Va and Vb

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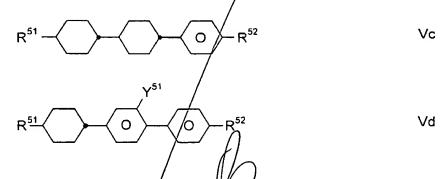
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in which R⁵¹ and R⁵² are each, independently of one another, alkyl or alkoxy having 1 to 7 carbon atoms or alkenyl, alkenyloxy or alkoxyalkyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms,

and/or

one or more compounds of formulae Vc and Vd



in which

 R^{51} and R^{52} independently of one another, are as defined above, and Y^{51} is H or F.

- 20 17. A liquid-crystal display according to Claim 8, wherein said medium comprises
 - 2 to $\int 30\%$ of one or more compounds of the formula I,
 - 5 to 25% of one or more compounds of the formula II,
- 5 to 40% of one or more compounds of the 30 formula III,

- 5 to 50% by weight of at least one compound of the formula IV.

- 18. A liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein said medium has a birefringence of <0.12, a flow viscosity at 20° of <30 mm² s⁻¹, a resistivity at 20° C of 5 x 10^{10} to 5 x 10^{13} Ω cm, a rotational viscosity at 20° C of <130 mPa s, and a clearing point above 60° C.
- 19. A liquid-crystal display according to claim 1, wherein said medium has a birefringence of 0.05-0.11.
 - 20. A liquid-crystal display according to claim 1, wherein said medium has a flow viscosity at 20°C of $15-25 \text{ mm}^2 \cdot \text{/s}^{-1}$.
 - 21. A liquid-crystal display according to claim 1, wherein said medium has a resistivity at 20°C of 5 x 10^{11} to 5 x 10^{12} Ω cm.
 - 22. A liquid-crystal display according to claim 1, wherein said medium has a rotational viscosity at 20°C of 70-110 mPa s.
- 30 23. A liquid-crystal display according to claim 1, wherein said medium exhibits a storage stability of at least 1000 hours at -30°C.

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